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Camden/Pulaski, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage/Maries,
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**Emergency hay-
ing and grazing
may be allowed
on CRP acreage
to help with
forage shortages.
Check with the
county office
staff.**

NAP Coverage

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. NAP provides coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. NAP is limited to commercial crops which CAT is not available.

Producers who already have coverage on 2006 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2007, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. If producers choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or change crop shares they must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee by the application closing date. The fee is \$100 per pay crop.

Producers with 2006 NAP coverage are reminded to keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required. A "Notice of Loss" must be filed within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

NAP Closing Dates

- ♦ **Sept. 30, 2006**
Barley, canola, wheat
- ♦ **Oct. 20, 2006**
Apples, grapes, peaches
- ♦ **Dec. 1, 2006**
Honey
- ♦ **Dec. 31, 2006**
Red potatoes
- ♦ **March 15, 2007**
Double-crop soybeans

Several Counties Designated for Livestock Feed Grant

*The following counties in District 6 are eligible for a Livestock Assistance Grant Program: **Benton, Camden, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan** counties. FSA will NOT be involved in the administration of the grants. This program will be delivered by State Agriculture Departments. Any inquiries or questions should be referred to the Missouri Department of Agriculture. They can be reached at (573) 751-4211.*

Emergency Haying and Grazing CRP Acres for Livestock Feed

Emergency haying or grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres is an option for CRP participants in **Benton, Camden, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan Counties**. The CRP acres can be rented to cattle producers needing additional forage or used by the CRP owner for his own livestock. Haying is permitted until October 15th and grazing until November 15th, but not on the same acres.

Before the county committee can allow haying or grazing, there must be an **approved** haying and grazing plan. The emergency haying and grazing rate has been reduced to a **10 percent payment reduction assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed**. Contact your county office for additional information on haying and grazing of CRP acres.

New LDP Forms - CCC-633EZ

The Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) program continues to be available this year. The LDP can be earned when the Posted County Price is below the 2006 County Loan Rate. Remember that any planted crop harvested for green chop, silage or hay may also be eligible for a loan deficiency payment. Please check with your office for additional details **PRIOR** to harvesting and feeding green chop, hay or silage.

The form CCC-633EZ "Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request" allows producers to indicate their intentions to receive an LDP and submit requests for LDP anytime during the loan/LDP availability period. Requests for LDP will be accepted before or after losing beneficial interest once the CCC-633EZ page 1 has been approved by the county office. The CCC-633EZ covers all quantities on all eligible commodities in all counties the producer has a cropping interest.

Any crop harvested and sold, or beneficial interest lost prior to this form being approved by the county office will be ineligible for a LDP. The county office will need to obtain copies of your sold grain tickets/settlement sheets before payments can be issued. The payment will be based on the date beneficial interest is lost.

In order to 'lock-in' a rate on stored grain with beneficial interest retained, producers will complete a request on the CCC-633EZ page 2. This form will be available at the county offices and on-line at the FSA web site. Payment rates can change on a daily basis. Contact your county office to lock-in the rate and complete the required forms.

For 2006, LDP rates will be based on the county where the commodity is physically stored, marketed, sold or fed.

Previously, the LDP rate on quantities where beneficial interest was lost was based on the producer's administrative county rate.



Producers can check with an FSA county office or go on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov to get daily LDP, loan rates and additional forms.



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Payment Limitations

A limitation on the total annual payments that a "person" may receive under agricultural programs has been in effect since enactment of the Agricultural Act of 1970. Each program has an established payment limitation that applies to all farming operations.

A "person" for payment limitation purposes includes: an individual; a limited liability partnership; a limited liability company; a corporation; a joint stock company; an association; a limited stock company; a limited partnership; an irrevocable trust; a revocable trust together with the grantor of the trust, an estate; a charitable organization; and a state, political subdivision, or agency thereof.

Details for each program's payment limitation may be obtained at the county office.

Select Interest Rates September 2006

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 5.625%
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 5.75%
- ◆ Limited Resource 5.00%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 4.000%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 4.875%
- ◆ Commodity Loans 6.125%

Commodity Loans Maturing

Reminder that 2005 commodity loans for farm stored corn and soybeans may mature in September. Take a second to view the condition of the grain to ensure that quality is maintained.

Producers planning to deliver the grain in order to repay the loan need to notify the county office prior to delivery. The county office will then issue a marketing authorization to the buyer indicating the repayment amount. If the buyer makes the check out jointly to CCC and the producer, county offices are not allowed to endorse the check over to the producer in order to accept a personal check.

Do not forget, grain under CCC loan cannot be removed without prior authorization or repayment. Unauthorized removal, which, includes removal for cleaning for seed or planning, is a violation and is subject to monetary and administrative penalties.

Signup for EQIP and WHIP Announced

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has scheduled a ranking period for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Enhancement Incentive Program (WHIP) cost-share programs beginning October 2, 2006 and ending November 17, 2006. Landowners who have not signed up for either of these programs will need to do so to be eligible for the next round of funding.

The EQIP program provides cost-share funds to assist producers in implementing conservation practices on their farms. Some of the cost-share practices available include fencing, wells, pipelines, watering facilities, and animal waste storage structures. Other cost-shared items available this year include portable pumps, traveling guns, lagoon agitators, and manure spreaders to assist in the management of livestock waste storage facilities. There are also wildlife habitat development related cost-share practices and incentives for those interested in improving wildlife habitat on their farms.

Producers interested in this program are encouraged to contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in their local USDA Service Center.

Information for 2006 Farm-Stored Corn Loan Producers

Due to the growing conditions experienced during the 2006 summer that included drought and extreme heat, the mold **Aflatoxin** may be present in your farm-stored corn. Producers need to be aware of several important items.

- ◆ Sample testing in official laboratories is the only way levels of aflatoxin are determined.
- ◆ The Food and Drug Administration established the level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) as acceptable for human consumption. The aflatoxin levels are most critical for humans, dairies, poultry and immature livestock. Extremely low levels



of aflatoxin (>0.5 ppb) in milk can cause dairy operations to dump milk. Higher levels may be accepted for finish cattle operations.

- ◆ You may choose to have your corn tested at Missouri Grain Inspection laboratories. Realize aflatoxin levels may increase in stored corn.
- ◆ It is recommended you discuss crop insurance provisions as it pertains to aflatoxin with your crop insurance agent.
- ◆ Should the corn securing a CCC loan, be turned over to CCC in satisfaction of the loan and aflatoxin levels in excess of 20 ppb are discovered, the corn is considered contaminated and the settlement value is zero.

Beginning Farmer Loans Available

The Farm Service Agency offers a variety of loan programs to assist farmers' credit needs. One of the programs offered is a *Beginning Farmer Down Payment Farm Ownership Loan*. FSA offers a special down payment farm ownership loan program to beginning farmers and ranchers interested in purchasing a farm or ranch. To qualify as a beginning farmer, the applicant cannot own more than 30% of the average farm size in the county where the property is located. The applicant must also have operated a farm or ranch for 10 years or less. This program also provides a way for retiring farmers to transfer their land to a future generation of farmers and ranchers. Here is how the program works:

- ◆ An applicant must make a cash down payment of at least 10 percent of the purchase price.
- ◆ FSA may finance 40% of the purchase price or appraised value, whichever is less. The term of the loan is 15 years at a fixed interest rate of 4%.
- ◆ The remaining balance, not to exceed 50% of the purchase price, may be obtained from a commercial lender or a private party. FSA can provide up to a 95% guarantee if financing is obtained from an eligible commercial lender.
- ◆ The purchase price or appraised value, whichever is lower, may not exceed \$250,000.

Contact your local FSA office for more information on the loan programs.

District 6 Service Centers

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District Director

Benton
Annette Steelman, CED
535 N Hwy 65
Lincoln, MO 65338
660-547-2351 FAX: 660-547-2456
COC Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 8:30 am.

Boone
Kim Viers, CED
601 Bus Loop 70W
Columbia, MO 65203
573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547
COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.

Cole-Miller
Drew Parmley, CED
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Jefferson City, MO 65101
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COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:30 am.

Gasconade
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316 Olive Street
Owensville, MO 65066
573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771
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**Laclede/Camden/
Pulaski**
Darrel McCann, CED
1242 Deadra Dr.
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COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 9 am.

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California, MO 65018
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COC Meets 4th Thurs. @ 9 am.

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COC Meets 3rd Fri. @ 9 am.

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COC Meets 4th Tues. @ 9 am.

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Dates to Remember

Sept 11-13

Women in Ag Tours-

St. Joseph MO.

Call 816-586-2061 ext.3
for more information.

Sept. 30

Final date for 2006 DCP

Oct 10

Columbus Day Holiday.

All Offices Closed

Nov 4

County Committee Ballots
Mailed to Voters.

Dec 4

Last day to Return County
Committee Election Ballots.

Ongoing

- ♦ **Update Farm Changes.**
- ♦ **Farm Facility Loans**
- ♦ **Continuous CRP**

Emergency Water

Benton, Camden, Cole, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis, and Pulaski Counties have been approved to implement a program to cost-share on expenses for emergency livestock water. These counties are now being restricted to 20-day signups because of budgetary constraints. After the 20-day signup, they can submit a request to the State Committee for a 10-day extension, if needed.

If you are a landowner and currently attempting to pasture livestock in an area that had an adequate pre-drought water source which is currently depleted due to drought conditions, this program may be of some help to you. Contrary to popular belief, this program is not intended as a well drilling program. It is designed to help defray the cost of getting the fastest and cheapest dependable source of water to thirsty livestock. In some instances a well is the only viable option.

Please note that program regulations include an established minimum project expense of \$1000 or more. For example burying up to a 300 ft permanent water line from an existing dependable water source and setting a livestock tank and pad will generally not exceed \$999.

If you are still in need of a source of **emergency water** to livestock in an established pasture that had adequate pre-drought water, and you believe the expenses will be \$1000 or more, please contact your local county FSA office immediately.

Alternate Livestock Water

The recent drought has magnified the problems with ponds and streams as dependable sources of water. Fencing off ponds or streams is preferred by most producers rather than seeing cattle wading in mud and stagnant water.

Livestock producers not eligible for emergency water may be interested in an ongoing practice to creating 25 to 120 foot buffer to exclude livestock along a stream or pond. USDA will provide up to 90% cost share to develop an alternate water source such as wells and tanks, establish buffer cover, and construct fencing and crossings. There are signup incentives and up to 15 years of annual rental payments paid under the CP-30 program.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2006 PAYMENTS

Bank Account Changes

County Offices are preparing to issue final 2006 DCP payments and CRP annual rental payments. In preparation of the payment cycle we are asking producers to notify their county office if you have had a banking change. Payments issued from USDA are deposited in accounts via direct deposit and can be delayed if we are not aware of different account and routing numbers.